## Before the Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of	)
Air Communications Services Inc. Licensee of Radio Station WPTF286	) File No. EB-FIELDWR-15-00018538
Montrose, California	) NOV No. V201532900002

## NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Released: April 9, 2015

By the District Director, Los Angeles Office, Western Region, Enforcement Bureau:

- 1. This is a Notice of Violation ("Notice") issued pursuant to Section 1.89 of the Commission's Rules, <sup>1</sup> to Air Communications Services Inc., licensee of radio station WPTF286, in Montrose, California. Pursuant to Section 1.89(a) of the Rules, issuance of this Notice does not preclude the Enforcement Bureau from further action if warranted, including issuing a Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture for the violation(s) noted herein.<sup>2</sup>
- 2. On February 23-27, March 2, and March 10, 2015, in response to a complaint of interference, an agent of the Enforcement Bureau's Los Angeles Office monitored radio station WPTF286 located at Montrose (Mt. Lukens), California, and observed the following violation(s):
  - a. 47 C.F.R. § 90.403(e): "Licensees shall take reasonable precautions to avoid causing harmful interference. This includes monitoring the transmitting frequency for communications in progress and such other measures as may be necessary to minimize the potential for causing interference." At the time of the investigation, WPTF286 was transmitting on 463.7 MHz, which is a frequency shared with other licensees in the Los Angeles area. The WPTF286 transmissions were observed to occur without regard to on-going transmissions of other co-channel licensees in the Los Angeles area which caused

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.89.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.89(a).

harmful interference and prevented the effective sharing of the frequency with other licensed users.

- b. 47 C.F.R. § 90.425(a): "Except as provided for in paragraphs (d) and (e) of this section, each station or system shall be identified by the transmission of the assigned call sign during each transmission or exchange of transmissions, or once each 15 minutes (30 minutes in the Public Safety Pool) during periods of continuous operation. The call sign shall be transmitted by voice in the English language or by International Morse Code in accordance with paragraph (b) of this section...." During the agent's monitoring for an extended period, no call sign identification was observed.
- 3. Pursuant to Section 308(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,<sup>3</sup> and Section 1.89 of the Rules, we seek additional information concerning the violations and any remedial actions taken. Therefore, Air Communications Services Inc. must submit a written statement concerning this matter within twenty (20) days of release of this Notice. The response (i) must fully explain each violation, including all relevant surrounding facts and circumstances, (ii) must contain a statement of the specific action(s) taken to correct each violation and preclude recurrence, and (iii) must include a time line for completion of any pending corrective action(s). The response must be complete in itself and must not be abbreviated by reference to other communications or answers to other notices.<sup>4</sup>
- 4. In accordance with Section 1.16 of the Rules, we direct Air Communications Services Inc. to support its response to this Notice with an affidavit or declaration under penalty of perjury, signed and dated by an authorized officer of Air Communications Services Inc. with personal knowledge of the representations provided in Air Communications Services Inc.'s response, verifying the truth and accuracy of the information therein,<sup>5</sup> and confirming that all of the information requested by this Notice which is in the licensee's possession, custody, control, or knowledge has been produced. To knowingly and willfully make any false statement or conceal any material fact in reply to this Notice is punishable by fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the U.S. Code.<sup>6</sup>
- 5. All replies and documentation sent in response to this Notice should be marked with the File No. and NOV No. specified above, and mailed to the following address:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 308(b)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.89(c).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Section 1.16 of the Rules provides that "[a]ny document to be filed with the Federal Communications Commission and which is required by any law, rule or other regulation of the United States to be supported, evidenced, established or proved by a written sworn declaration, verification, certificate, statement, oath or affidavit by the person making the same, may be supported, evidenced, established or proved by the unsworn declaration, certification, verification, or statement in writing of such person . . . . Such declaration shall be subscribed by the declarant as true under penalty of perjury, and dated, in substantially the following form . . . : 'I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on (date). (Signature)'." 47 C.F.R. § 1.16.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> 18 U.S.C. § 1001 et seq. See also 47 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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- 6. This Notice shall be sent to Air Communications Services Inc. at its address of record.
- 7. The Privacy Act of 1974<sup>7</sup> requires that we advise you that the Commission will use all relevant material information before it, including any information disclosed in your reply, to determine what, if any, enforcement action is required to ensure compliance.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Charles A. Cooper District Director Los Angeles Office Western Region Enforcement Bureau

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> P.L. 93-579, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(e)(3).